



Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers

CC: TAG Coordinators

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: January 31, 2020

Subject: Announcing New Philosophy TAG Courses in Critical Thinking and Introduction to Logic

We are pleased to announce new Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) courses in Philosophy titled OAH060 - Critical Thinking and OAH061- Introduction to Logic.

Background:

In early 2019 the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) held a discussion with the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway (OGTP) panel in the discipline of Philosophy to explore transfer pathways. During discussion, the OGTP Philosophy panel recommended the creation of additional Philosophy TAGs. The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) arranged for Philosophy TAG writing panel content matter experts to meet and discuss updates within the Philosophy TAG. Initial meetings lead to the dissemination of a statewide research survey to identify department course offerings, pre-requisites, and collection of syllabi. These efforts prompted the Philosophy TAG writing panel to further review the need for additional TAGs. After some discussion, the TAG faculty panel has recommended creation of additional Philosophy TAGs in Critical Thinking and Introduction to Logic. Each proposed course will equate to 3 credit hours.

In November 2019, a survey request was distributed statewide to gain endorsement for the proposed criteria for the new Philosophy TAG courses. The results of the survey indicated that there is strong support for the creation of Critical Thinking and Introduction to Logic TAG courses and learning outcomes. As a result, these TAG courses have been added to the Philosophy Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG), effective immediately. To meet the OGTP requirements three of the four content areas within the TAG must be met. Introduction to Philosophy (OAH045) and Introduction to Ethics (OAH046) are required. Institutions will need to offer at least one of the two new TAG courses in Critical Thinking (OAH060) or Introduction to Logic (OAH061) to meet OGTP requirements. Institutions can offer both if they choose.

The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board recommends that institutions seek course approval by the statewide faculty review panel within two years starting fall 2020. The first submission opportunity will begin immediately and continue through fall 2022. Institutions are advised to submit their courses to the endorsed criteria as soon as the aligned courses become available. To view and download the full information for the newly created Philosophy TAG courses, including the TAG submission form, please use this link: <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/tag/coursedescriptions>

We would like to thank the faculty members on the Critical Thinking and Introduction to Logic TAG writing panel included: Benjamin Cordry (Lead, Lorain County Community College), Dimitria Gatzia (University of Akron), Doug Webb (Lakeland Community College), Frank Ryan (Kent State University), and Edgar Velez (Columbus State Community College).

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